

WALL OF WATER CARRIES DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

**Twenty People Meet Death In Water Spout
In Little Town of Gradyville, Ky.—Town
Almost Wiped Out of Existence.**

Columbia, Ky., June 10.—The most vivid imagination would be unable to comprehend the terrible destruction of life and property in the waterspout that visited Gradyville, Adair county, at 10:30 o'clock Friday night. Twenty lives were snuffed out in almost an instant and homes were crushed like eggshells as they were hurled along by the raging torrents of Big Creek, on which the little town was situated.

As early as 8 o'clock Friday night the lightning began to play almost incessantly and the low rumble of distant thunder could be heard in the west. The sky became overcast with murky clouds of inky blackness, and by 9:30 rain was falling, but not to an alarming extent. However, the inhabitants of the peaceful little town of Gradyville, anticipating no harm, retired for the night, not realizing how soon twenty precious souls would be hurled into the presence of their Maker and into a watery grave.

It was 10:10, according to the best time obtainable, when there was a cloud burst a short distance up the creek above the town, and in a few moments a wall of water twenty feet high rushed down upon the sleeping village; houses were swept off their foundations like so much cinder and the frightened occupants rushed here and there in an attempt to escape a watery grave. The wails and screams of women and children, with no means of rescue at hand, could be heard above the roar of the storm and angry rush of waters, was most pitiable indeed in the inky blackness of the night. Buildings were dashed against trees and crushed like egg shells, and the occupants would be thrown at the mercy of the flood and drowned, only to be whirled on and on for miles below by the resistless force of the current.

For three or four miles below the town great piles of debris can be seen

on both sides of the creek banks. Carpets, beds, clothing, furniture, men and women's wearing apparel, cook stoves, harness and buggies, and many other articles that were swept out of the houses carried away, are scattered here and there in the drifts, and hanging on the branches of the trees, twenty and twenty-five feet high. A pair of men's trousers were seen hanging on a limb at least thirty feet from the ground, and the body of one of the victims is said to have been found wedged in the forks of a big tree standing in midstream.

A citizen said he was awakened by the deluge of water, and living on a high point, he could see the flood easily, and that a house came floating down in the current of the stream, with a lighted lamp at one of the windows, and he could plainly hear the pitiful wails of a woman calling for help, but he was powerless to lend any assistance, because to venture in the swollen stream meant death.

It is said that about eighteen buildings were swept away by the flood, three store houses being among the number, the large roller mill of J. A. Diddle was wrecked, the engine room was completely demolished and the boiler carried down stream possibly a mile and torn in two. The force of the current can be judged from the fact that a large iron safe was found in the stream 800 yards below where it started from.

In many respects N. H. Moss is the heaviest sufferer by reason of the disaster. Seven members of his family were drowned in his absence, and the place where his dwelling stood bears neither stick, stone nor branch to mark the spot as habitable. Where his pleasant two-story house stood on Friday surrounded by useful outhouses, garden and orchard, there is now a bare plot of ground with no plant, nor shrub, not even a foundation stone. His was one

of the most substantial dwellings in the hamlet, yet no one can say, pointing to wreckage along the Big Creek bottom, that it once belonged to N. H. Moss.

Yet his hardships might have been harder, for his two young daughters, Ora and Mollie, were on their way to visit relatives in Louisville when the storm brewed and broke, and so escaped injury. They were the sole comfort of their father.

Of a family of six, all that is left to Dr. L. C. Nell, State Senator, is his little daughter, Katherine. When the first news of the disaster was circulated Dr. Nell himself was numbered among the victims, but he was away from home on a professional call. His life was saved, but his spirit broken. He rode about yesterday as a man bereft of all hope in life, and saw his son, Jas. Weedon Nell, taken from the drift. He is still searching for the bodies of his wife and three sons.

Columbus Hill suffered complete loss of family and possessions. His wife and infant son were both drowned, and the body of Mrs. Hill has not yet been found. The little son's tiny form was picked up Saturday and prepared for burial. Mr. Hill was absent in Greensburg when Gradyville was torn asunder.

Mrs. California Wilmore, her daughter, Mrs. Ada Williams, and her granddaughter were all drowned. The bodies of the two women have been recovered.

The body of Prul Wilson, aged nineteen years, the only child of his parents, was found 300 yards from the creek bed in the center of a corn field. All the bodies so far recovered bear bruises and other marks showing that they were sadly buffeted by the obstructions and drift which filled the water.

Mrs. J. W. Keltner, an aged woman, and Miss Venie Moss, a young kinswoman, were drowned when they rushed in panic from the cottage in which they lived. Jacob Nelson, a stone inspector of Greensburg, son-in-law of Mrs. Keltner, had gone to Gradyville on Thursday in order to bury the body of his infant daughter. Accompanied by his wife and two small sons, he had gone to the Keltners to spend a few days before returning to Greensburg. Shortly after 10 o'clock Friday night the cottage began to fill with water, and was forced from its foundation. Looking into the swirling mass outside, Nelson realized that the only hope for his loved one was to stick to the house.

GARRETT.

Joe Sciferes was in Louisville to see his sister, Mrs. Dick Brown, who has appendicitis, and his nephew, William Gaebe Brown, returned with him.

R. H. Dowell and family were at Brandenburg Thursday.

Mrs. Ada Dhonau and children went to Cloverport Sunday to be present at the decoration of Mr. Dhonau's grave by the M. W. of A.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, of Vine Grove, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Minnie Smith and cousin, Mrs. Reuben Beauregard, of Eldon, Mo., were guests of Misses Foushee one day last week.

Good pasture for rent by Mrs. Will Dhonau.

George Miles, of Louisville, visited his father, Wm. Miles, and his brother, John, returned home with him, remaining until Sunday.

J. G. Roby is on the sick list. Kelly and Curtis Miles are visiting W. W. Miles and family.

W. W. Miles and family entertained Thursday. Those present were: Messrs. A. A. Peak, Mary A. Ritchie, Henry Peak, Mary Eliza Wright and Beatrice Tuell and family.

Miss Francis Sipes is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sipes.

Miss Fannie Shacklett is spending this week with her brother, Dan Shacklett, of near Rock Haven.

STEPHENSPORT.

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Miss Mary Alexander, of Brandenburg, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Dr. Nevitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright have returned to their home at Sebree.

James and Robert Tinius, of Holt, were guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tinius, Sunday.

Godfrey Haswell and family, of Hardinsburg, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCubbins.

Mrs. Withers, of New Cethel, visited her daughter, Mrs. Scott Bell, Sunday.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet on Wednesday after the third Sunday. Miss Eula Hensley will be present and give an interesting talk on missionary work.

Pete Roff, of Kansas, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Betsy Roff.

Mrs. Ollie Lay left last week for New Albany, to be with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Reynolds.

John Chaffin is still confined to his bed.

Kerbie Blaine is improving slowly.

Mrs. Hebbey Robinson has returned from Owensboro, where she spent the

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With Pe-ru-na Cleanses the System of the
Accumulations of Winter.**



MRS. ALICE BRADLEY.

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"I called in professional medical treatment, but steadily grew worse."

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winter with relatives.

Mrs. M. L. Roberts and Andrew Crawford spent Sunday in Cloverport.

Mrs. S. C. Connor has returned from Cloverport, after spending a few days with her husband.

Henry Nevitt has returned from Brandenburg.

Miss Zula Bowlds, of Cloverport, visited Miss Mona Robinson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. DeJarnette, of New Bethel, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bell Sunday.

Jamie Hawkins returned last week from Danville, where he has been attending college.

PATESVILLE.

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E. O. Gordon was at Dukes Saturday on business.

Miss Anna Lamb went to Hawesville Saturday.

Dr. W. L. Laulace returned to Horse Branch Wednesday.

Laurence Laulace went to Hawesville Saturday on business.

Several from here attended the ice cream supper at Dukes Saturday evening.

Mrs. R. W. Frymire spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Laura Gist above town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gabbert, of Victoria, were in town Saturday shopping.

Mrs. Walter Jarboe, who has been quite ill for some time, is not improved at this writing.

Messrs. Chas. Gabbert, Matt Jarboe and J. T. Parson attended court at Hawesville Monday of this week.

Mr. Ores Laulace, of Tell City, Ind., came home Saturday to be at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Walter Jarboe, who is quite ill.

Mrs. Thos. Pulliam, of the Bethlehem neighborhood, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Morris, of this place.

The Buffalo Courier thinks Henry Watterson's dark horse with a mustache is good material for an animal story. It is much better for a fairy tale, however.

**Health and Complexion, Strength and Beauty
Depend Upon Clean Blood and
Good Digestion.**

Mrs. Daniel Passmore, Welland, Ontario, Can., writes: "For three years I was severely afflicted with stomach trouble, and for days at a time I could not eat anything. I grew thin in flesh, had headaches and was the picture of despair."

"I was attended by three doctors, but got no good results."

"Finally I began the use of Peruna. I soon noticed an improvement and after using three bottles, I was able to relish a meal, in fact, could eat anything."

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MRS. DANIEL PASSMORE.

and within two weeks I was in fine health."

"Peruna is a wonderful medicine."

Mr. Lee King, R. F. D. No. 4, Farmersville, Tex., writes:

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"I suffered with dysentery and bowel trouble."

"Your remedy also cured my wife of constipation."

"I wish you continued success with your great medicine, Peruna."

Gives All The News.

The following letter from a Cloverport Miss appeared on the Children's Page of the Evening Post of last Saturday evening:

"Dear Aunt Beth: I am a new member (at least I wish to be) to the Children's Page, and I wish you would please send me a button badge. I am a little girl eleven years old, and am the only child. I have just gotten over the measles. I have an old cat whose name is Charley Fallen, and she has four little black kittens who haven't gotten their eyes open yet, and they are all alike. It has been raining here the last few days and is raining now. Well, I will close. Your niece, Eloise Nolte."

Cloverport, Ky.

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	Falls of Rough.....	7 15 "
	Glendean.....	7 56 "
	Hardinsburg.....	8 14 "
	Harned.....	8 24 "
	Gardfield.....	8 55 "
	Irvington.....	9 05 "
Arrive Louisville.....		12 15 p. m.
Returning, leaves Louisville.....		5 15 p. m.

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